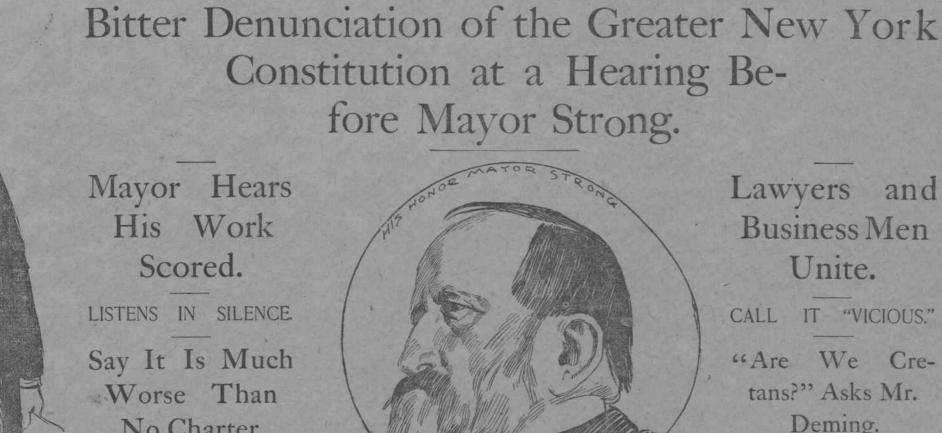
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PRICE ONE CENT in Greater New York

## LAJI PROTESTS MADE AGAINST THE NEW CHART



Mayor Hears His Work

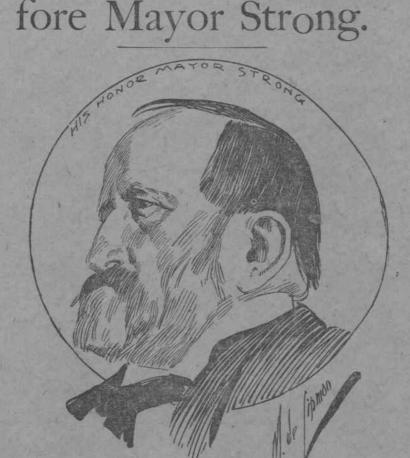
LISTENS IN SILENCE.

Scored.

Say It Is Much Worse Than No Charter.

SAY "DO NOT SIGN IT."

Demand That Citizens Be Given Time to Think It Over.



Lawvers and Business Men Unite.

CALL IT "VICIOUS."

"Are We Cretans?" Asks Mr. Deming.

HARD WORDS FOR MR. PLATT.

W. H. Peckham and Others Lift Their Voices in Protest.



Simon Sterne Says

Golonel Rogers Predicts Dire Results.

AYOR STRONG listened for three that he should exhibit his disapproval of Chamber of Commerce; M. R. Leverson and hours yesterday afternoon to a bit- the work of his colleagues and himself.

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Eloquence of Mr. Deming.

Of the speakers none produced a more veterans like Wheeler H. Peckham, Horace E. Deming, ex-Judgè Henry E. Howland. Simon Sterne and others equally eminentifited up their voices in warning and entreaty that he shound withhold his approval from the instrument he himself had helped to frame.

They called the charter "crude," "victors" "clumpsy," "daugerous" and "ill. It is red in a powers!" Loud was the applause that rese than no charter! Do not sign it, Mayor! At least give the citizens time think it over!"

That, above all, was the argument with left the Mayor was assalled. "Let there time for consideration," was the text mently every speech. "Thora is no hyper manic Chamber was crowded with the enemance of Mr. Deming.

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Of the speakers none produced a more vivid effect than Horace E. Deming. His sentences were as swift and keen as so many thrusts with a rapler. His talk was to William B. Hornblower, Reform Club; Dr. Thomas E. Satterthwaite, Academy of Medicine; W. E. Rogers, Union League Club; Jefferson M. Levy, Board of Trade and Transportation: John P. Leo, Builders' League of Hariem, and Josiah C. Pumpelly, City Improvement Society; Corporation Counsel Scott, James L. Wells, Tax Commissioner, Samuel McMillan, President of the Mayor with the air of a propher exhorting a king. And again, "Are we considered the Mayor with the air of a propher the Mayor with the air of a propher

time for consideration," was the text nearly every speech. "There is no hurry out this consolidation. Let such imriant things be done decently and in orr." time for consideration," was the text numlcipal history of New York. The Aldermanic Chamber was crowded with the enemales of the proposed charter. If it had any
friends present they did not betray their
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William B. Hernblower, Reform Club; Dr



at the late election, Mr. Mayor but Mr. you have passed on the various provisions Bryan said one thing that is worth remem- of this charter," he said. "Some of them Mayor Strong has the gift of not exhibiting this emotions. He sat with his fingers poorting his left cheek, and falled to look ther excited or apathetic, antagonistic or made to Mr. Platt by the use of such expressions as "One man power."

Inside the ralling was a formidable array of talent representing the Bar Association, the delicate one. As a member of the Greater New York Commission he was one."

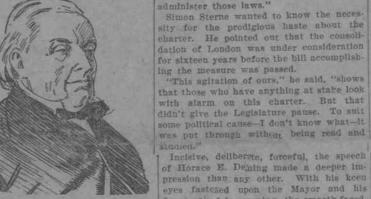
Formidable List Opposed.

John E. Parsons acted as master of ceremonies. He opened the proceedings by reduling to the Mayor a list of the organization that had declared themselves against the charter. It was a formidable list, and my position was a peculiar one. Some of the speakers as of tale to proceedings by reduling the Bar Association that had declared themselves against the charter. It was a formidable list, and my position was a peculiar one. Some of the speakers of the opposition, and declared themselves against the charter. It was a formidable list, and my position was a peculiar one. Some of the speakers of the opposition, and the charter of the charter, in the charter, when some of his friends at the Chicago Convention urged monies. He opened the proceedings by reduling to the Mayor a list of the organization that had declared themselves against the charter. It was a formidable list, and worth remember of the opposition, and the force his own nomination at the being at this time. When some of his friends at the Chicago Convention urged him to force his own nomination at the opposition was a provent of the charter, in the charter, in

ray of talent representing the Bar Association. Then he told the Angor in what it a delicate one. As a member of the Greater New York Commission he was one of the sponsors of the charter. Yet here walks of life. Of the committee appointed by the City Chub to urge the Mayor not to sign the charter, there were present; were scores of men whom he respected, representing organizations of influence and repute, wrestling with him in their anxiety

BARKER DECRIES THE NEW CHARTER, sident of the Tax Department Doesn't Think the Sensible to the proposed of the Sponsors of the Charter. Sident of the Tax Department Doesn't Think the Sensible to the proposed that organization and the provision for a four friends across the river in a tone of enumerated would make a speech urging a charter the adoption of the proposed charter would be beneficial to the matter of legislation: I call manner he had marshalled his oratorical forces. As far as possible, he said, a representative of each of the bodies he had enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of the commission of the enumerated would make a speech urging a charter. By Judge Henry E. Howland spoke of our friends across the river in a tone of our friends

"As we proceeded," he said, "every mem- of the instrument. Only the courts would horror! ber became more deeply impressed with its defects. This instrument was one of the most imperfect pleces of legal workmanship erations, every member of the Bar Asso-



finger raised in warning, the smooth-faced, white-haired lawyer made an appeal that

"I am aware that in various capacities

was intensely personal in tone

that had ever fallen into our hands. It is ciation ought to pray for the charter to go is not to consolidation. Our objection is to oppression. With all the law that will have to be read into it, this charter will be as bulky as the Revised Statutes of the United States. Under it there will be no United States. Under it there will be no tax levy in 1898 to pay current expenses. It is clumsy, bulky, inarticulate, barbaric!

"Give us, the citizens of New York, an opportunity to say how we would be governed, and let us not be driven like dumb cattle into a slaughter pen!"

was so badly constructed that if it were made law no citizen would be able to live here in comfort and the enjoyment of his

rights for at least ten years.

It was announced that ex-Mayor Grace ter that, although confined to his bed by grip, he had written a long letter on felt so strongly on the subject of the charthe subject which he desired to be read to the Mayor. Alfred E. Martin accordingly Hale, Weyler's Champion, Goes the other party to this read it. The letter was in the main an arraignment of the Greater New York idea, and not of the charter specifically. The writer referred to the geographical separation of the districts proposed to be united as an argument against consolida- Washington, April 1.-The general treaty altogether on mo tion. In this respect the letter differed of arbitration was amended restorday so that from the speeches that had been made, for that Mr. Olney and Lord Salisbury would of M the speakers had accepted the Greater not recognize it; but not content with that New York idea as the expressed will of the work, the Senate took another turn this people, and confined themselves to finding afternoon and punched a few more holes fault with the charter. Mr. Grace dealt in it.

"And it is unnecessary to say that that the final vote should be taken, but objection was affered, and the final vote seems man of

Simon Sterne wanted to know the necessity for the prodigious haste about the charter. He pointed out that the consoli-

dation of London was under consideration for sixteen years before the bill accomplishing the measure was passed.

"This agitation of ours," he said, "shows that those who have anything at stale look with glasm on this abarter. But the



## KILLING CRETANS.

John M. Bowers declared that the charter Senator Chandler Would The question was one ent Avoid an Alliance with Such a Nation.

to the Defence of the Turk's Ally.

with the outlying districts separately with It is now only a shell-not even a fair a view to showing that they would not be enunciation of the principle of arbitration

Davis made his request, r retorted that he might vote at week, or a re, but t

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> United States and Great by what might be occur people were justified in

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timental Value of Greater New York Worth the Added Expense.

resident Barker, of the Tax Department, to Mayor Strong: "The important question affecting the Greater City of New York is that of taxation. le of this the consolidation of the territory in question with the present city of New ir earnest desire to have the city of New York show a population far in excess of

t this consolidation produced such an effect, without imposing upon the people is city a burden which they would find difficult to bear, then no objection could been found to the scheme. When the commission was appointed to draft the or for the new city and the borough system was suggested as the proper one to and overcome the objections of taxpayers, it was generally believed that such slusion had been reached and opposition to the scheme gradually weakened.

he draft of the proposed charter, however, so far as completed, clearly indicates he objections of the taxpayers of this city have not been met and overcome, and is every reason to believe that if the present proposed charter is adhered to they of be evercome, and this city will be called upon to shoulder as its proportion along percentage of that which at present is levied upon the territory it is proposed to include in the new city.

be borough system, so far as it applies to taxation, includes only assessments for local improvements, and will not include the general taxation made for the of meeting the expenses of the city government. This it is proposed to cola general taxation of all the territory, with a single tax rate applicable to very part of it, the same as is now done throughout the twenty-four wards ty of New York, while in Kings County (Brooklyn) a separate rate is had for

the tax rates at present in Kings and Queens countles are much higher than city of New York, the proportion which the new territory will be called bear will be much less than it is at present, while the present city of New ill be allotted a largely increased rate. It is questionable whether the tax-of this city, with a full knowledge of the real facts staring them in the prepared for a number of years to come to put their hands deep into their and pay out money for the empty honor of pelng a resident of what will

proposed system of taxation is clearly a rank injustice to this city; and it is rehensible inasmuch as a system might have been devised which would exted the taxpayers of this city from unjust burdens. The proposed borough ill, therefore, be a failure, so far as taxation is concerned. It is questionable is even desirable, in any event, and it is probable, when properly under-

7 he citizens of this city, that it will meet with almost universal opposition.
n of members of the borough, the establishm at of borough houses, ors and clerks and gas bills and miscellaneo xpenses, the wide dis the records from central points of set on f gely Increased t

ese widely scattered he expenses of the partments and by

tzation of tax:

And, sir, bulky as it is, it does not begin ness for years to come!"

to cover the entire ground."

This sally provoked the first laugh of the

sponsibility.

seried that no attempt had been made by the framers of the charter to dr broad.

"It seems incredible," exclaimed Mr. afternoon. It rippled from the audience

n signature, and on his own professional powerful face lowered with anger as he asnous pris ' New York was a ked to distinct line by ween the powers of the prince of being the started, baste

"It seems incredible," exclaimed Mr. Rives, "that the lawyers who served on that commission should have recommended anything so plainly unconstitutional. Such is the deliberate opinion of every member cour committee, each one of whom is pared to make the statement over his n signature, and on his own professional

Island City is in every way undesirable as fir "It would probably take you more than Mr. the whole term of your office," wrote Mr. be degis Grace, "if you were to become rest fort Marro of Greater New York,